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Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether Government will consider the advisability of the distribution of boarding grants among the Hindu orphans on the advice of the heads of the institutions since no Hindu orphanage exists ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir, these grants are for orphanages."

Cost of housing and boarding for Indian orphans.

*834-B Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the answer given to question No. 427 answered on 9th October 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the average estimated approximate expenditure for housing and boarding Indian orphans in the several institutions mentioned in the answer is ; and

(b) what proportion of it Government have decided to pay in the coming year ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The Government grant does not represent any definite proportion of the boarding charges incurred by the orphanage. In accordance with the usual procedure, the total allotment will be distributed *pro rata* among the eligible children.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is it a fact that no inquiry was made as to the capacity of the different institutions to look after the orphanages, and that money is given in a haphazard fashion . . . "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is asking for an opinion."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to know on what principle money is distributed among the orphanages ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have examined the question and found that the money given is not sufficient."

Local Boards

Introduction of the Bill to amend the Local Boards Act.

*835 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Local Boards Act Amending Bill was circulated to all the district and taluk boards in the Presidency ;

(b) how many of these local bodies favoured the introduction of the proposed measure and how many expressed their disapproval of the same ; and

(c) whether he has decided to introduce the Bill, and, if so, when ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The replies so far received show that eight taluk boards are in favour of the Bill and twelve district boards and fifty-one taluk boards against it. The remaining district and taluk boards have not offered their remarks on the Bill as a whole.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (e) of question No. 719.

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Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether in the proposed amending Bill, the hon. Minister will include a provision abolishing the nomination of the presidentship of the district and taluk boards ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Resolutions passed by the Salem District Board regarding the work of Mr. M. K. Duraiswami Ayyar.

*836 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether certain resolutions were passed by the Salem District Board, regarding the work of M.R.Ry. M. K. Duraiswami Ayyar Avargal, District Board Engineer, Salem, and communicated to Government;

(b) whether Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the said resolutions ;

(c) what action has been taken by the Government on the resolutions ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that similar resolutions had been passed by the South Kanara District Board also, censuring this officer, while he was District Board Engineer in that district ?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) No.
(c) They are under consideration.
(d) The Government have no information.

11-30 a.m. Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know when the resolution of the district board was communicatad to the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" About a fortnight ago."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" By what date are orders expected to be passed, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot give definite information as to when the orders will be passed."

Strengthening the piers of the Cauvery bridge at Komarapalayam in Salem district.

*837 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Rs. 53,000 was sanctioned in G.O. No. 1693, L. & M., dated 10th May 1927, for the work of strengthening the piers of the Cauvery bridge at Komarapalayam in Salem district ;

(b) whether it is a fact that only a sum of Rs. 6,100 has been spent on the work up to date ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the District Board Engineer executed most of that work departmentally, even though the work was given on contract ;

(d) is the policy of the district board not to do the work by departmental agency ;

(e) if so, what are the reasons of the District Board Engineer to execute the work departmentally ;

(f) whether any loss was sustained by such departmental work ;